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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been objected to for various reasons. Accordingly, the applicants have amended those claims to overcome those objections.

Claims 6-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, the applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 6 therein.

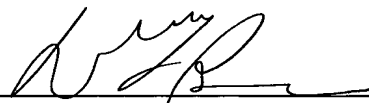
The applicants therefore believe that the claims, as amended are patentably distinctive over the cited references. A reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections and a passing of the case to issue is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner wishes to expedite disposition of the above-captioned patent application, he is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 21-0279.

Respectfully submitted,

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